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SUBJECT: STRAUSS CONTINUES TO CONSOLIDATE HIS POSITION
 WITHIN CSU

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1. SUMMARY: OVER WEEKEND CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS CONTINUED TWIN PROCESSES OF CONSOLIDATING HIS PERSONAL POSITION IN CSU AND FIRING UP PARTY SUPPORT FOR KREUTH DECISION TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE CSU BUNDESTAG "FRAKTION." ALTHOUGH STRAUSS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO MAKE RELATIVELY MINOR INTERPRETATIONAL CHANGES IN HIS PRESENTATION OF RATIONALE FOR KREUTH DECISION, HIS BASIC LINE HAS SURVIVED INTACT. END SUMMARY.

2. ON NOVEMBER 27, CSU LAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION CLOSELY PARALLELING NOVEMBER 25 RESOLUTION OF CSU LANDTAG DEPUTIES (REFTEL). RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY, CONTAINS THREE BASIC ELEMENTS: (A) IT UNDERLINES FACT THAT CSU IS LIMITED TO BAVARIA AND DECLARES
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THAT NO ONE WISHES TO CHANGE THIS WITHOUT CDU CONCUR-

RENCE; (B) IT STATES CSU DESIRE TO COORDINATE WITH CDU ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO UPCOMING LAND AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS; AND (C) IT NOTES THAT CSU EXPECTS CDU TO RECIPROCATATE ATTITUDES SET FORTH IN POINTS A AND B.

3. EX COM RESOLUTION ALSO CALLS FOR EARLY MEETING OF CSU LAND COMMITTEE WHICH REPRESENTS PARTY MEMBERSHIP BETWEEN CONVENTIONS. THIS MEANS THAT IDEA OF EARLY EXTRAORDINARY PARTY CONVENTION TO DEBATE KREUTH DECISION IS DEAD.

4. COMMENT: CONGEN BELIEVES THAT REASON STRAUSS AND HIS SUPPORTERS ARE WILLING TO INCLUDE KREUTH DECISION AS TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION (GESPRACHE) WITH CDU IS PURELY TACTICAL. STRAUSS WANTS KOHL AND CDU TO BEAR ONUS FOR ANY FAILURE OF UNION PARTY LEADERS TO RESUME DIALOGUE ON FUTURE COOPERATION. IF CDU WERE TO BACK DOWN FROM ITS PRESENT POSITION THAT CSU MUST RESCIND KREUTH DECISION AS PRECONDITION FOR HIGH-LEVEL CDU/CSU TALKS, STRAUSS WOULD, IN CONGEN VIEW, PRESENT CDU WITH UNACCEPTABLY HIGH BILL FOR RESUMPTION OF JOINT "FRAKTION." BETTS

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